

## THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

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## A Doctor on the Theatre.

We have more than once in these columns recommended the theatre for weary and exhausted brains; and in this feverish age who escapes the necessity of overdraughts upon nervous force? Something must be done to stop the draft and permit deposits. We have found few means as accessible, cheap and efficacious as the theatre, and have urged it upon the attention of our overworked friends. We are glad to find our advice coincides with the views of so high an authority as Dr. William A. Hammond, who writes as follows in a recent issue of the Mail and Express:

"According to my experience, the most efficacious means of taking a man out of the rut into which his exciting work has brought him is the theatre."

"I think I use the theatre as a means of treatment quite as much as I do the drug-shop. I study the theatrical announcements in the newspapers every morning, feeling sure that I shall have to employ the knowledge thus attained many times during the day in alleviating the mental and nervous disorders which will come under my notice. I try to find plays that will either make my patients laugh or will set up a train of thought in them very different from that in which they have engaged during the day. Fortunately there is not in New York any dearth of plays suitable for my purposes, and the effect upon the man who had overworked his brain is always noticeable and is sometimes wonderful. He is for two or three hours taken out of himself as it were; he lives in a new world; other interests are brought prominently before him and engage his attention, and he goes home in a very different frame of mind from that which was present when he left his place of business. Indeed he often finds it difficult to take up his many schemes for amassing wealth, or gratifying his ambition. His mind is full of the men and women who have appeared before him on the stage, and in whose actions and fortunes he had become intensely interested."

## From Florida Again.

A letter sent to us from Jacksonville, under date of November 20th, is as follows:

Editor Bloomfield Citizen:

Although a resident of the South for many years, I am a Jerseyman by birth, and have never lost my interest in the affairs of my native state. You can imagine, therefore, with what pleasure I looked through a copy of THE CITIZEN which a traveler from your section left in the hotel reading room.

In a somewhat lengthy description of a trip south, by one of your correspondents, the writer refers to the famous "Cherokee" bananas, and it is to correct some natural misapprehensions that may arise in the minds of your readers regarding this remarkable fruit that I ask for a little space in your columns.

When the first white settlers came into this part of the country the fruit was plentiful in the southern part of the State. From causes to be given farther on, however, it is now about extinct. There is, I believe, but one tree remaining in the State, and that is in the town of De Land. It has on it only a very few bananas and after these are picked the tree will be cut down. I have secured these Cherokee bananas to send to a Florida friend who is spending the winter north, as a Christmas reminder of the land of sunshine and flowers.

The fruit was noted for a delightful aromatic taste and fragrance, while the skin was highly esteemed by the Indians for its curative properties in the case of bites of poisonous insects and serpents, but especially for wounds received in battle. There is reason to believe that the Spaniards made efforts to propagate it in other sections of the territory under their control, having learned its healing virtues from the all too friendly natives, but without success.

The name was derived from a parasitic growth on the skin, out of which some one with an imagination more active than accurate made the word "Cherokee." The name once applied stuck, as a nickname will sometimes follow a boy through life. Up to the beginning of the war the fruit was comparatively plentiful, although even then the supply was growing perceptibly less. After "the surrender," as it is called down here, we were besieged with traveling agents with all sorts of wares, and in self defence were compelled to resort to violence to protect our homes and property from the importunities and attacks of these men. Many blows were given and received, the result being an unexampled demand for an already meagre supply of the healing Cherokee banana skin. The trees were stripped of fruit, leaves and bark, and finally torn up by the roots, the result being as stated in the beginning of this article, the extinction of the fruit. "Quantum mutatus ab illo." This quotation is from Webster's Dictionary. It is very fine Latin and if you wish to know what it means look under "Q" in the back part of the dictionary.

In another letter, perhaps, I will give you some account of our adventures with the various peddlers whom we finally subdued.

JOHN PAUL SEACIFF.

## HUNTING FOR BEE TREES.

How the Stores of Honey are Found in the Western Wilderness.

In the great forests west of the Mississippi the wild bees swarm in countless numbers, feeding on the luxuriant vegetation which skirts and intersects the prairies all along the alluvial bottoms of the rivers, and seeming to fulfill literally the Bible description of a "land flowing with milk and honey." These trees are taken possession of by them, and honey stored into them in large quantities. If nothing disturbs them they remain in their old quarters for long periods at a time, laying up stores of honey for their own use, and as is often the case, for the bees of the white men in the long run. The hunters who make a business of collecting the honey are the most mercenary enemies that the little creatures have. Unlike the bee, who discovers a hive of honey by chance, or through the aid of his sensitive nose, the bee hunters carry on their work systematically, watching the lights of the little creatures while gathering honey from the flowers, and then following them as they return to their home through the air. After an experience of a year or two in the business, the hunters can locate with wonderful accuracy the home of the bees, notwithstanding the fact that the hives are often situated in a dense forest, and in trees where no one would ever think of looking for honey. Like most other wild creatures, the bees betray their hiding place by their own action.

The hunters before starting out in quest of their rich booty provide themselves with the necessary equipments. These consist of axes, rifles, matches and a small piece of honeycomb. The rifles are carried along for their own protection, in case the hunters should be hunted by enemies other than honey bees. When an open glade near the edge of the forest is reached, the piece of honeycomb is placed on a low bush where it can be plainly seen by the passing bees. Its sweet aroma quickly fills the air around it, and attracts the little honey gatherers toward it. Like a miser, who has suddenly discovered a treasure of gold, they devote most of the little cells and begin to satiate their appetite. Then, without suspecting the trap set for them, not stopping to inquire about the strange phenomenon of honeycomb growing on a bush, they dart away through the forest to deposit their load in the hive.

This is the hunters' opportunity. Noticing the direction in which the bees fly, they quickly start in pursuit, keeping the little creatures in sight with difficulty. Usually an old experienced bee hunter takes the lead, and his eagle like eyes detect the small black specks in the air when the others have entirely lost sight of them. Through dense clusters of branches and over wet and boggy ground, they hurry completely absorbed in the chase, and unmindful of all disagreeable surroundings. They have to make a bee line through the woods, and not to stop to consider whether there is better traveling in another but longer direction.

Even the most expert leaders of hunting parties will sometimes lose sight of the game, and the bees will escape without betraying the locality of their homes.

After wandering about in the woods for a sufficient time, searching attentively on every tree for a sign of one of the little creatures, the leader becomes satisfied that he cannot find the hive without resorting to another trick. A small box with a glass top is then produced, within which are a number of bees, which the hunter has caught round the honeycomb before entering the woods. One of these is allowed to escape from the box, and the direction which it takes immediately followed by the party. A few of several minutes is then kept up, the leader keeping his eyes fixed on a certain tree which he has marked in the distance. The others of the party glance about them to discover signs of the tree in which the hive is hidden.

A second bee is then allowed to escape from the box. Instead of flying in the same direction taken by the first one, it darts off to the right and pursues a course directly opposite to that adopted by its mate. This would be misleading to an inexperienced hunter, and he would conclude naturally that either the bees were from different hives, or the old saying about bees flying directly to their homes when liberated was all "bosh."

The leader of the hunting party, however, understands the mute language of the little insects. The party has passed the tree containing the hive, and a counter-march is immediately ordered. Double precaution is now taken to locate the exact spot of the hive, and in a very short time this is done.

But quite frequently it happens that the hunters when in the immediate neighborhood of the tree are unable to distinguish the right one from the others. The entrance to the bee castle is several feet above the ground, and the eyes of the hunters are unable to see it unless attracted by the bees coming in and out in numbers. The third step of the hunt is then taken, and the leader knows that this cannot fail. A fire is kindled and a piece of honeycomb placed upon a warm stone. In a few minutes the honey begins to melt, and the smell from it permeates the air throughout the forest, reaching even the bees in their snug home. As a result, the whole colony of bees begin to swarm out of their citadel and fly around the fire from which the sweet odor arises. Unconsciously they have disclosed their hiding place, and the hunters immediately mark the tree and prepare for work. The fire is allowed to burn, and while the bees are busy gathering the wasted sweets the ax begins to make the echoes ring throughout the woods. As if still suspecting nothing, the owners of the hives continue flying backward and forward, entering and re-entering their home with their tiny loads of honey until the great tree begins to tremble. A sharp, splitting noise startles the whole colony from their work, and before they have time to ascertain the cause the huge tree crashes downward, carrying with it bees, honey and all—Independent.

## Moon Eyed Wives.

"The marriage of an American or an Englishman to a Japanese woman is not so rare an occurrence as the critics who have been writing about E. H. House's clever novelette seem to think," said a diplomat who spent years in Japan to me the other night. "A number of such marriages have occurred in the past ten or fifteen years. I may instance as an conspicuous example that of one of the secretaries of the American legation to a Japanese girl of noble blood, and still more striking, perhaps, the marriage of the sister of another attaché of the American legation, House himself," he continued, "adopted a Japanese girl, who has cared for him in his illness like a daughter. House is a very clever man, one of the most brilliant men I ever met, but has been bedridden for years, and peculiarly dependent upon the tenderness and thoughtfulness of his adopted daughter, who has shown all those high fine qualities which he ascribes to the heroine of his little story."—Washington Cor. Philadelphia Record.

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